

58. The [retaining] structure of claim 57 wherein said structure comprises at least an upper and an adjacent lower course wherein at least one of the blocks of said upper course or said lower course comprise insets which are mated with [seated on] the protrusions of a [the] block[s] of said adjacent course.

59. The structure of claim [57] 58 further structure comprising a supporting matrix positioned between adjacent blocks of said upper and lower courses.

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the preceding amendments. The amendments to claims 37, 40, 43, 47, 48, 55, 58, and 59 correct informalities. The amendments to claims 38, 56, and 58 correct informalities and adapt the claims more closely to language found in the specification. In particular, the amendment to the specification is supported by Figures 1 and 3 as well as Figures 4 and 6 as filed. The amendment to claim 38 is also supported by these same Figures as filed and the specification at page 11, line 25 through page 12, line 3.

Support for amendment to claim 56 may be found in the specification at page 13, lines 13-14. Amendment to claims 37 and 48 is requested to delete apparently redundant terms. For this reason Applicant believes that the allowed claims are patentable and that there is no need for an additional search. No new claims have been presented. The requested amendments came to Applicant's attention only after reviewing the claims in preparation for paying the issue fee.

No new matter has been added. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience caused the Examiner.

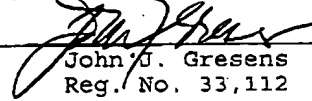
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